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“Evening Downtown Officer to Begin New Assignment”

A new face will be patrolling the Downtown Business District from now on. Officer Justin BEHM will begin his new duties as the evening Downtown Officer. Officer BEHM will join Officer Steve BENNET, the daytime officer, with concentrated Police duties in the Central Business District.

Officer BEHM will be a new fixture with the business community and downtown residents. BENNET and BEHM will serve as the primary liaisons between the downtown community and the City of Morgantown.

Normally Patrol Officers assigned to the patrol shifts would handle any calls for service and patrol the downtown area as part of their duties in a much larger service zone. This requires that the zone officer leave the Downtown Business District to handle calls for service within his patrol zone. As the calls for service continue to increase for Morgantown, the officers have been required to spend the majority of their time away from the downtown area. The new Downtown Beat Officer position will now allow both day and evening full time coverage of the Downtown Business District which is supplemented nightly with additional officers who work the Night Time Downtown Detail.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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